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Will Vote at Sea.

Topeka, Kan. Oct. 28.—The members of the first battalion of the 22d Kansas regiment, which sailed from San Francisco today for Manila, carry ballots and will vote on Kansas officers about midway between Honolulu and Manila. These 600 men live in Western Kansas, where members of the Legislature are usually elected by less than 25 majority. Both State committees admit that fully twenty-five members of the House will be chosen or defeated by this milestone vote.

What worries them is the possibility of a delay in receiving the returns here till February 1, one month after the Legislature meets. With a close vote on State officers predicted, great complications may arise.

The Spanish peace commissioners have agreed to say nothing more about the Cuban debt to Uncle Sam Spain died hard but she will be none the less dead when we get through showing up our intentions.

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Evolution of The Republic.

Since the matter of territorial expansion is now uppermost in the public mind we may revert with some interest to the gradual progress of development which has taken place in our national affairs within the past one hundred and fifteen years. This comparatively short period of time covers the entire range of American history from Yorktown to Santiago.

When the revolutionary struggle closed with the success of the revolutionary arms under Washington, in 1783, the government which emerged triumphantly from the smoke and turmoil of that protracted conflict included the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. These thirteen original states were strung like beads upon the Appalachian chain of mountains extending along the Atlantic seaboard. They embraced only 827,844 square miles of territory, or barely one fourth of the present area of the country. Under the terms of the original charters the territory of these thirteen original states extended properly to the Pacific ocean, but on account of complications and embarrassments of one kind and another which sprang up in the course of events, including French and Spanish claims, to the Mississippi valley lands, the extreme western confines of the young republic were fixed upon the banks of the Mississippi river. But years elapsed before the forces of civilization began to drift from the shadows of the mountains in which they first sprang into life. We can satisfy ourselves on this point by consulting some of the early maps which reveal the elongated but exceedingly narrow dimensions of the country during the first twenty years which succeeded the revolutionary struggle.

Our first annexation of territory dates back to 1803, when Jefferson purchased Louisiana from Napoleon. This immense strip of land included not less than 1,171,931 square miles. Louisiana had been ceded from France to Spain in 1763, but subsequently Spain had restored the tract to France. Both powers thought at different times to restrict the growth of the young republic and to prevent emigrants from crossing the Mississippi river. We have good reason to believe that Napoleon contemplated giving the young republic some trouble over Louisiana, but apprehending trouble with England and being in need of ready money he decided in sheer desperation rather than in shrewd diplomacy, to part with Louisiana for the sum of \$15,000,000. Of this amount \$3,750,000 consisted in the assumption by the United States of the claims of American citizens against France for goods deposited upon the seas. There was some opposition to the Louisiana purchase at the time, but in view of the vast extent of territory gained at comparatively little cost, and in view of the constant menace to our progress over come by the acquisition of this strip, we could not have acted with greater wisdom of statesmanship than we did and today the Louisiana purchase is reckoned among the brightest of our national glories. Included within the bounds of the Louisiana purchase are most of the states and territories occupying the great western area of the Mississippi valley, and the vast tracts of the extreme northwest.

We next increased our national domain by the annexation of Florida in 1819. We ought to have secured Florida under the terms of the Louisiana purchase. We labored under the impression that Spain had ceded Florida to France, and that France had

ceded that peninsula to us, but we found on trying to settle Florida that such was not Spain's idea. Diplomatic negotiations threatened to precipitate international difficulties, but eventually the affair was peacefully adjusted by Spain's agreement to relinquish Florida for \$5,000,000. This sum was paid by the United States in the assumption of claims against Spain. With the annexation of Florida 59,268 square miles were added to our national domain.

Our next extension of territory came from the acquisition of Texas, in 1845. In 1836 Texas achieved her independence of Mexico in one of the bravest struggles of modern times, and in 1837 applied for admission into the American Union. Eight years of protracted discussion in Congress followed, with the result that Texas was admitted in 1845, thus adding 376,133 square miles to the territory of the country. With the annexation of Texas in 1845, trouble arose between Mexico and the United States, over the disputed boundary line, and what is known as the Mexican war ensued. This struggle was eventually terminated by the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, in which Mexico agreed to abandon the right and to cede to the United States 545,783 square miles of land on the payment of \$15,000,000, and the assumption of claims amounting to \$3,250,000. In 1853 the United States acquired from Mexico what is known as the Gadsden purchase, covering 45,535 square miles of land. This gave to the United States the unbroken possession of the entire continent from ocean to ocean and from the lakes to the gulf.

In 1867 we acquired Alaska from Russia at a cost of \$7,200,000. Russia claims that her cession possession was worth vastly more than the sum stipulated, and that nothing could have induced her to part with it at that sum but her friendship for the United States. With the annexation of Alaska we acquired 577,390 square miles of territory. When the American flag was raised over Hawaii several months ago, in response to the "treaty of that archipelago, we acquired 2,000 square miles of territory; and again, when Porto Rico was recently annexed, in consequence of the late war with Spain, we added 3,000 square miles to our national domain. Before we have fully gathered the harvest which is now ready for the sickle we may be in possession of Cuba and the Philippines, but enough until that time comes.

Recapitulating we find that we have made the following acquisition since achieving our independence: The Louisiana purchase 1,171,931 square miles in 1803; the Florida purchase 59,268 square miles in 1819; the annexation of Texas, 376,133 square miles, in 1845; the Mexican cession 545,783 square miles, in 1848; the Gadsden purchase 45,535 square miles in 1853; the Alaska purchase 577,390 square miles in 1867; the Hawaiian annexation, 2,000 square miles in 1898; and the Porto Rican annexation, 3,000 square miles in 1898. In the aggregate our acquisition of territory since 1783 foot up 2,801,540 square miles, which, added to the original area of the national domain—827,844 square miles—makes the present area 3,629,384 square miles. We have not included in this table of acquisitions such islands as Guam and others, as they add but little to the area of the country, although important in other respects.

WEDS HIS MOTHER IN LAW.

Shelby Man Says He is Going to Keep in the Family.

Emirence, Ky., Oct. 27.—News has just reached here to the effect that John Tracey of Peytona, Shelby county, who some years ago married Miss Annie Findee, who died, leaving him two children, has embarked upon another matrimonial venture. Recently he married Mrs. Frances Findee, his mother in law, aged 60 years. The groom is 38 years old, and now has a stepson aged 40 years who is also his brother in law. Up on being questioned as to why he married his mother in law and not one of his sisters in law, he responded: "I like the family, and should I outlive my present wife I will then marry my oldest sister in law, and should she die I will then marry the next one, as I do not intend that any other man shall get into the family if I can help it."

ANOTHER SPAR MILL.

The St. Louis Spar Company To Erect One at Crayneville.

Mr. Waggoner, Superintendent for the St. Louis Spar Company, has telegraphed to us that his company is preparing to erect a spar mill at Crayneville. This company now has about six men on its pay roll, and is getting out spar at the Tabb mines and at Hodge. About five cars per month of the Tabb spar is shipped to New York where it is used solely for the manufacture of fluoric acid. It is also being shipped weekly to St. Louis and Chicago. The product of this mine is 98 per cent. pure, and in this respect is the equal of any spar mined in the country. Most of this company's shipments are now made from Crayneville, but a 1000 tons will be placed near the railroad at Annora for winter shipment when the roads are too muddy for hauling.

"Is the spar of this county as good commercially as that of Rosi Clare, Ill?" is a question Mr. Waggoner answered as follows: It is equally as good in every way, and then mining in Crittenden county is more profitable than at the Rosi Clare mines, here we can ship on the railroad all the year round, and can ship in bulk without going to the expense of barreling, while the river shipments must all be barreled, and then navigations are too uncertain.

"How is the Hodge mine holding out?"

"We have gone down eighty feet and the vein is just as large and the spar just as good as at the surface."

At the Tabb mines we are working in the shaft sunk by Capt. Brown. This shaft is, perhaps three-fourths full of water, at the water line we began drifting and are getting out fine spar, and our prospects there could scarcely be better."

The two spar companies have pretty fair pay rolls already, but the interest and enthusiasm manifested by the two companies leads one to conjecture that spar mining in the county is just in its infancy, and that it will grow rapidly and develop, within the next few years, to an extent that will bring a vast amount of money in the county.

A Road Grader.

Mr. J. G. Rochester has made arrangements for a road grader to do some work near town Nov. 10. The street leading from the old creamery site north and then the public road to Mrs. Rochester's farm will be graded. Mr. Rochester would be glad to have the magistrates of the county present that day to see the grader work.

Want Tobacco.

Messrs. Blue & Woods, the well known tobacco firm of this place, will buy extensively this year. They have employed Mr. J. C. Elder, Jr., an experienced tobacco man, to assist in buying and handling. Mr. Elder came home from Carmi, Ill., last week and began work for the firm at once. This firm is one of the best on the market. All of them are tobacco men and their dealings with the people have always been satisfactory. Their buyers will be to see you if you have the weed for sale, and will pay the best price the market justifies.

Chandler—Allen.

Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the residence of C. W. Allen, in the presence of a host of friends, Mr. Jeff Chandler and Miss Minnie M. Allen were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. John King officiating. The groom is one of Cave Spring's most enterprising young men. The bride is the daughter of the well known farmer, C. W. Allen. Both have friends by the score to wish them a long and prosperous life.

Stewart—Dean.

Surprise weddings seem to be the fashion in Marion this year. Last Thursday evening Mr. J. A. Stewart the photographer, and Mrs. Cora Dean gave their friends a pleasant surprise by a quiet, unexpected wedding. The ceremony was performed by Rev. James F. Price at his home. The bride was a beautiful young widow, whose home was in the Iron Hill neighborhood, and she is a daughter of Mr. E. F. Hill, one of the best farmers of that section, and a leading citizen of the county. She is noted for her beauty and charming manners and amiable disposition. The groom has been in the photograph business in Marion for a number of years, and has many friends throughout the county, who join with the Press in congratulating him and his bonnie bride.

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RACE WAR.

The Election in North Carolina Assumes a Serious Shape.

Washington, Oct. 31.—The result of the election in North Carolina will be looked for with more interest than perhaps any other state this fall. The issue is not upon any of the ordinary political lines. It is a fight for supremacy between two races—the whites and the blacks.

The situation there does not grow less grave in spite of the fact that President McKinley has used his influence to allay bitter feeling there. The trouble in North Carolina is the direct result of the recent fusion between the Populist and Republican by which the control of the State and most of the counties was wrested from the Democrats. Forty eight per cent. of the officers—Federal, State, county and municipal, are now filled by negroes and if the fusionists carry the coming elections this percentage will be increased. Gov. Russell who has built himself up politically by appointing negroes to office, is particularly offensive to the whites. President McKinley comes in for a good deal of criticism under the same head for recognizing the colored Republicans impartially with the whites.

The city of Wilmington which is the storm center of the present campaign, suffers the indignity of ten negro policemen, forty six negro magistrates and twelve negro letter carriers which is four or five times the number of the whites. White offenders are liable to arrest by negro police men and be tried by negro magistrates, a thing insufferable to the white man of any class.

While Wilmington is the storm center, the other sections of the State have become infected with the fear of negro domination, and in the East as well as the West the cry is heard every night on the street corners, "Down with the negro." "No negro domination." Senator Fritchard, who has done more than any other Republican in the State to bring about this condition of affairs, has become stammered and wants federal troops sent into the State. This will be sure to bring about bloodshed, and Gov. Russell, who is a man of naturally low instincts, has at least the hardihood to resist this plea, and up to the present time has declined to ask for troops. He says he will not do so, for that would be a guarantee of a race war, and bring about a clash between the State and federal authorities.

The Republican managers here say the fight in North Carolina is having its effect in States in the West. The negro has become more repulsive to the Northwest than he can ever be in the South. The people of the latter section want them but will control them. The people of Illinois, for instance, neither want them nor will they have them. The action of Governor Tanner in Illinois has prevented the negro from being a party issue in this election, save in a local way. His threat to meet imported negroes with Gatling guns, and burning the bodies of the victims, has outstripped anything done or threatened in the South. When the State of Abraham Lincoln takes the stand, what can be said against North Carolina?

Col. Bryan's Illness

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 28.—Col. William Jennings Bryan continues quite ill in his room at the De Soto hotel. His regiment, the Third Nebraska, has been here for two days, but he has not been able to see any of his officers or discuss its affairs.

A Family Affair.

Some of our preachers might profit by this: A preacher in a near by town is said to have announced that he would discuss a family scandal from his pulpit, and as a result every seat in his church was filled long before the time for church service, many standing up in the aisle and a look of satisfaction on the face of the entire congregation. The shrewd master of the flock then discoursed on Adam and Eve and the serpent—Fulton Guard.

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NEWS NOTES

The arrival of five anarchists from Spain causes a sensation at Ponce.

Collis P. Huntington may erect an armor plate plant in connection with his shipyards at Newport News.

The Tobacco trust has been organized as the Continental Tobacco Company. It is capitalized at \$75,000,000.

A San Francisco wrecking company will make an effort to raise the wreck of the Maine from the mud of Havana harbor for the salvage.

The Administration will urge the construction of the Nicaragua canal, by Government aid, in accordance with the concession to the Maritime Canal Company.

Garcia is said to have been chosen permanent chairman of the Cuban Assembly. This is a severe blow for the extreme faction, which sought the influence of Gomez to have Garcia court martialled.

Admiral Dewey informs the Government that Spain has been shipping munitions of war to the Philippines since the signing of the protocol. This information justifies the sending of the Oregon and Iowa to Manila.

Major Gen. Joseph C. Breckinridge is said to be greatly humiliated at the action of the President in ordering him mustered out of the volunteer service. When Gen. Breckinridge reached Washington he called upon the President but was not received. Gen. Breckinridge's loss of favor is due to his honesty in making a truthful report of mismanagement of the camps and campaign.—Courier Journal.

Perry, O. T., Oct. 30.—The white citizens of the Indian Territory are devising some means of preventing a wholesale influx of negroes to their territory. They fear a clash between the Indians and negroes. A. G. Wisdom, in his report recently sent to Washington, says: "I have received information that there is liable to be an influx of negroes into this territory, which may assume alarming proportions and provoke a racial issue to be deprecated by every lover of law and order."

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